

December 24, 2023
Christmas Eve- Men's Chorus 7 PM

Procession of The Bells

Gathering: Men's Chorus *How Great Our Joy*

Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Light the Christmas candles, now:
Sing of donkey, sheep, and cow;
birthday candles for the King,
let the alleluias ring.**

Family Reading and Lighting of Christ Candle

**Candle, candle, burning bright,
shining in the cold winter night.
Candle, candle, burning bright,
fill our hearts with Christmas light.**

†Hymn *Joy to the World*

†Christmas Affirmation

**We believe in God, the creator and giver of life,
who brought all creation to birth,
who mothers us and fathers us, protecting, nurturing, and cherishing us.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ: God born among us as a fragile baby,
embodying both love and the need for love,
and calling us to rest in God as trustingly as a tiny child.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, breathed into us at our birth,
always drawing us on to be born anew, encouraging, exhorting, comforting,
nourishing our growth and inspiring our living.**

**And we believe that each new child is a glimpse of the face of God,
a sign of the life to come, and a call to live in peace and celebrate living together.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Amen.**

Thanksgiving

Offering Men's Chorus *Celebrate the Child*

Christmas Prayer

Prayer Response: Men's Chorus *Come to My Heart*

Prayer of Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,

that we may hear and rejoice in the good news of our Savior's birth. Amen.

Scripture Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20

Men's Chorus *Sanctus*

Christmas Message

Invitation to the Light

Passing of the Light

Men's Chorus *O Holy Night*

Silent Night

Benediction

Completion of *Silent Night*

Silent night, holy night,
wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!